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Dear Friends,

To help me represent you better, please fill out the questionnaire below regarding some of the key issues we currently face in Congress.

It is an honor to represent you in Congress.

Sincerely,

Mark Kirk
Member of Congress

Recently, a group of senators and President Bush outlined an immigration bill that would create two new visas: a "Z" visa for 12 million illegal immigrants to remain in the United States and a "Y" visa to admit 400,000 additional temporary workers. The bill would also authorize 550,000 annual family immigrant visas and permit 380,000 additional immigrant visas for "more qualified" immigrants. In return for these changes, the border patrol would hire 6,000 new agents and the federal government would complete 370 miles of fencing along Mexico's border. Should Congress support this bill?

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.
- ☐ Do not know.

Regarding climate change, the Congress may consider legislation to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by Americans. What policies should the Congress mandate? (Please indicate all options you agree with.)

- ☐ Impose federal carbon taxes, including taxes on each gallon of gasoline, coal-burning electricity generators and new federal regulations to close down large carbon emitters.
- ☐ Set overall limits on carbon emissions, with flexible

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"cap-and-trade" mechanisms to regulate relations between polluters and cleaner entities.

- ☐ Renegotiate international agreements to require similar reductions by China and India to prevent industries from leaving the United States.
- ☐ Require further research to validate the conclusion that global warming is happening and that government action can stop it.
- ☐ None.
- ☐ Do not know.

The Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) was enacted in 1969 to ensure that Americans with incomes over \$200,000 could not avoid paying taxes. Because the trigger for this tax has not been updated, 20 percent of American taxpayers will begin paying additional taxes under the AMT. Do you believe this tax should be:

- ☐ Eliminated.
- ☐ Applied only to the top 1 percent.
- ☐ Increase for higher incomes and eliminated for middle class incomes.
- ☐ Left as it is.
- ☐ Do not know.

Regarding Iraq, three major positions have substantial support. Which statement most closely reflects your views?

- ☐ Congress should cut funding for the troops to mandate their withdrawal from Iraq by March 2008.
- ☐ Congress should cut funding for the Iraqi government unless it meets benchmarks for political reconciliation, oil revenue sharing and the demobilization of militias by August 2007.
- ☐ Congress should support funding for the surge in Iraq and General Patreus' strategy to defeat insurgents.
- ☐ Do not know.

Iran's President pledged to "wipe Israel off the map." According to the United Nation's International Atomic Energy Agency, Iran mastered the technology to enrich weapons-grade uranium. In response, the United States should: (Please indicate all options you agree with.)

- ☐ Integrate Israel into the U.S. National Missile Defense Program.
- ☐ Quarantine gasoline sales to Iran.
- ☐ Support Israeli military action against Iran.
- ☐ Support measures only approved by the U.N.
- ☐ Accept the emergence of Iran armed with nuclear weapons.
- ☐ Do not know.

This summer, Congress will consider reforms to the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. With regard to this law, do you support:

- ☐ Continuing NCLB, especially the right for parents to know how public schools perform.
- ☐ Reforming NCLB to preserve its basic parts but reforming problems in assessing special education, non-English speaking students and very small sub-group children.
- ☐ Repeal NCLB.
- ☐ Do not know.

Do you support legislation providing federal funds to help local law enforcement investigate and prosecute hate crimes?

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.
- ☐ Do not know.

Regarding the genocide in Darfur, do you believe the United States should: (Please indicate all options that you agree with.)

- ☐ Commit U.S. combat troops to end the genocide.
- ☐ Support other countries' troops in Darfur, even if ineffective.
- ☐ Arm rebel groups to defend their villages from government attacks.
- ☐ Rely on U.N. sanctions only.
- ☐ Do not know.

The United States currently runs a large trade deficit with China. Do you believe that the United States should: (Please indicate all options that you agree with.)

- ☐ Increase tariffs on Chinese products until China floats its currency.
- ☐ Help small and medium sized businesses export more to China.
- ☐ File more trade suits against China within the World Trade Organization.
- ☐ Let business trade.
- ☐ Do not know.

The price of gas is going up. Do you believe the federal government should: (Please indicate all options that you agree with.)

- ☐ Tax the windfall profits of big oil companies.
- ☐ Prosecute oil companies and gas stations for price gouging.
- ☐ Increase federal research for alternative fuels and fuel cells.
- ☐ Simplify blended gasoline regulations to lower prices through

market forces.

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Do nothing/do not know.

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